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--35. (NEW) The method according to claim 1, wherein the immobilized particles exhibit hydrophilic groups on their surface.--

--36. (NEW) The method according to claim 7, wherein the particles have a size in the range of 0.1-100  $\mu\text{m}$ --

--37. (NEW) The method according to claim 9, wherein the flow channels have a small inner dimension in the range of 0.4-100  $\mu\text{m}$ --

--38. (NEW) The method according to claim 11, wherein the Reactant\* is predeposited in the matrix upstream of the sample application site.--

--39. (NEW) The kit according to claim 18, wherein the immobilized particles exhibit hydrophilic groups on their surface.

--40. (NEW) The kit according to claim 24, wherein the particles have a size in the range of 0.1-100  $\mu\text{m}$ --

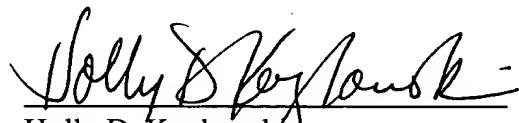
--41. (NEW) The kit according to claim 26, wherein the flow channels have a small inner dimension in the range of 0.4-100  $\mu\text{m}$ --

#### REMARKS

By the present Amendment, the claims are amended to omit their multiple dependency and for various matters of form in accordance with customary U.S. patent practice. Claims

35-41 are added and contain limitations from original claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 18, 24 and 26, respectively. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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